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Bennington 26th February 1779

In Council

Sir,

Your favour of the 5th of November last, was seasonably delivered me by Ira Allen Esqr. I have purposely omitted an answer until the General Assembly at their present session, should be able to direct me in what manner I might be warranted to do it, which I find cannot be more explicitly done, than by enclosing their Resolution, for dissolving the Union (so called) with sixteen Towns east of Connecticut River, which I herein enclose

The Laws of this State are now nearly fitted for the press, and will be immediately printed and circulated amongst the inhabitants, the execution of which, I flatter myself will prove sufficient to quiet any disturbances among the inhabitants west of Connecticut River; but as those on the east side (who have been heretofore considered as being united with this State) are accomplices with some few disaffected persons on the west side Connecticut River, in creating Feuds and Jealousies to the disturbance of N Hampshire as well as this State, your wisdom therefore in quieting those disturbances east of the River will doubtless prove sufficient

The bearer hereof Ira Allen Esqr. who is appointed to communicate this, will be able to give further intelligence in the premises. I am Sir, with sentiments of of esteem Your Honors most obedient humble Servant

Thos Chittenden

The Hon'ble Meshech Weare Esqr. President of the Hon'ble Council of the State of New Hamshire

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Sir,

The Union which impoliticlaly was for a time adhered to, by a majority of this State, and which rec'd its death wound, at the Session of our General Assembly in October last, at Windsor, has at our late Session at Bennington, been in the fullest and most explicit manner, Dissolved; and that without a dissenting Vote. — And as the Laws of this State are nearly ready for the Press, and will soon be promulgated among the People, after which this Government will exert itself, to quiet the schism on this side the River, and I hope your Government will vigerously exert their authority, to exert ~~the~~ Banks of the River, for I consider the schism on both sides, to be equally against both Governments, and therefore both should join to suppress it.

I have this further reason for the exertion of Government; as I am confident that argument will be lost with them for the heads of the schism at large, are a petulent, petteyfogging scribling sort of Gentry, that will keep any Government in hot water, till they are thouroughly brought under, by the exertions of authority

This matter I submit to your better judgement; and remain with Due respect

Your Honors Most obedient
and Humble Sert
Ethan Allen

Bennington March the 4th Day 1779

Honble Meshech Weare Esqr

Petition
From Jacob Bayley & Davenport Phelps
to
The President and Council of New Hampshire

17 March 1779

This paper may be found in Stades Collection of State Papers. page 104.

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The Committee beg leave to Report that this State should lay claim to the jurisdiction of the whole of the New Hampshire Grants (so called) lying to the west of Connecticut River, setting forth the right this State has to the same allowing and conceding nevertheless that if the Honble the Continental Congress shall allow the said Grants to the west of said Connecticut River to be a seperate State as now claimed by some of the inhabitants thereof by the name of Vermont that in such case this State of New Hampshire will acquiese therein. And that this State shall exercise jurisdiction as far west as the western bank of Connecticut River and no further until the dispute is settled by Congress. By order of the Major part of the Committee

Josiah Bartlett Chairn

See a correct copy of this Report in Slades State Papers-p. 105.

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Newbury
on the New-Hampshire Grants -

The Committee appointed by the Convention held at Cornish in December last having laid before the Assembly of New Hampshire the Proposals contained in a Printed Pamphlet, entitled A Public Defence, the said Assembly have it in Contemplation to extend their Claim over the Whole of the New-Hampshire Grants, submitting to Congress whether a new State shall be established on the Grants; but have deferred a Determination of the Matter till their June Sessions, that they may more fully know the Sentiments of the Inhabitants respecting such a measure

In order therefore that the real Sentiments of the Inhabitants on the Grants may be collected, and the Matter which has been long held in Suspence be brought to an Issue, the Committee request that a Return be made some time in the Month of May next, to General Bayley of the following matters, that they may be communicated to the Assembly of New Hampshire at their next Sessions

1. The Number of legal Voters in Town Meetings, as nearly as they can be conveniently ascertained.
2. The Number who attend the Town Meeting when the following Question shall be put
3. The Yeas and Nays on the following Question, viz.

Whether this Town is willing that the Assembly of New Hampshire extend their Claim and Jurisdiction

the Whole of the Grants; - New Hampshire at the same time submitting to Congress, whether a new State shall be established on the Grants?

Dresden April 23d 1779

By order of the Committee,

I Marsh Chairman

Agreable to the above Request the Town of Newbury met according to warning for that purpose, and the question above put

60 Souls in 5 Town owning Freeholds } Yeas 20 Nays 1 } Jacob Kent Town Clerk

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Delivered

To the Hon^ble the President in Council
and the Representatives of the State of New
Hampshire, in General Assembly convened—

The subscribers hereto beg leave to represent.
That a large number of charters of incorporation
of certain tracts of land were formerly issued from
their Excellencies Benning Wentworth and John
Wentworth Esqrs. in the name of the King of
Great Britain lying and being west of the Mason
grant and east of a north line drawn from
the northwest corner of the new State of
Massachusetts Bay to Lake Champlain & from
thence to the latitude of forty five degrees— That
in the year 1764 the aforesaid King of Great
Britain, in violation of his contract with the
grantees, & in an arbitrary manner passed a Decree
that there should be a division of the aforesaid
grants between the ^then Province of New York and
New Hampshire to which Decree the inhabitants
of said grants were then & have ever since
been averse as they were thereby deprived of
privileges which they of right claimed, and in
their settlements reasonably expected within the
jurisdiction of New Hampshire— That the
inhabitants aforesaid since the Declaration of
Independence view themselves at liberty to
connect in one body politic or unite with

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hartford
on the New Hampshire Grants. 23 April 79

The Committee appointed by the Convention held at Cornish in December last, having laid before the Assembly of New Hampshire the Proposals contained in a printed Pamphlet, entitled A Public Defence, the said Assembly have it in Contemplation to extend their Claim over the Whole of the New Hampshire Grants, submitting to Congress whether a new State shall be established on the Grants; but have deferred a Determination of the Matter till their June Sessions, that they may more fully know the Sentiments of the Inhabitants respecting such a Measure

In order therefore that the real Sentiments of the Inhabitants on the Grants may be collected and the Matter which has been long held in Suspence be brought to an Issue, the Committee request that a Return be made some time in the Month of May next, to the subscriber of the following Matters, that they may be communicated to the Assembly of New Hampshire, at their next Sessions.

1. The Number of legal Voters in Town Meetings, as nearly as they can be conveniently ascertained.
2. The Number who attend the Town Meeting when the following Question shall be put.
3. The Yeas and Nays on the following Question. viz.
Whether this Town is willing that the Assembly

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of New Hampshire extend their Claim and Jurisdiction over the Whole of the Grants; — New Hampshire at the same Time submitting to Congress, whether a new State shall be established on the Grants? Reserving to ourselves all the Right we had or could have had to be a New State notwithstanding.

Dresden, April 23d, 1779

Per Order of the Committee

I Marsh Chairman

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Attest Amos Robinson Town Clerk

At a legal Town Meting held in Moretown on the New Hampshire Grants the 25th day of May 1779 The number of Votes to act in Town Meting is forty fifteen attended said Meeting and voted the following Vote, its our desire to be a New State but are willing to submit the matter to Congress whether we shall be a new State, and if that can not be obtained, we desire to be annexed to the State of New Hampshire — and we find by information it is the opinion of the Town in General, that New Hampshire extend there Jurisdiction over the whole of the Grants.

Noah White
Ebenezer Morten } Selectmen

The Town of Peacham having received Warning from Isaac Wait Chairman, To take the yeas & nays on the following questions, viz: Whether this Town is willing that the Assembly of New Hampshire extend their Claim and Jurisdiction over the whole of the Grants, New Hampshire at the same time submitting to Congress whether a new State shall be established on the Grants.

The Town having been duly warned met accordingly the twenty-fifth day of May A. D. 1779 — And proceeded as follows, viz.

1st Chose James Bailey Moderator & Jonathan Elkins Clerk of said Meeting.

2nd Proceeded to know the number of legal voters, in said Town and find eleven

3dly The number of legal voters who attended the meeting when the above Questions were put and find Seven — viz

James Bayley yea
Jonathan Elkins yea
Archibald Mc Laughlin yea
John Steels yea
James Bayley Junr. yea
Peter Johnson yea
Meshech Libby yea

Jonathan Elkins Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Committee of associated Towns in the northern parts of the ~~State~~ of New Hampshire Grants June 3d A.D. 1779

Voted, That Col. Olcott and Mr Woodward be and hereby are appointed in the name and behalf of the people in the northern parts of the New Hampshire Grants, to use their endeavour that the Assembly of New Hampshire at their next Sessions assert and effectually prosecute their claim to the Grants west of Connecticut River.

By Order

Joseph Marsh Chairman

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In Congress June 1st 1779

Whereas divers applications have been made to Congress on the part of the State of New York & of the State of New Hampshire relative to disturbances & animosities among inhabitants of a certain district known by the name of "the New Hampshire Grants" praying their interference for the quieting thereof, Congress have taken the same into consideration

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to repair to the inhabitants of a certain district known by the name of the New Hampshire Grants and enquire into the reasons why they refuse to continue Citizens of the respective States which heretofore exercised Jurisdiction over the said District. For that as Congress are in duty bound on the one hand to preserve inviolate the rights of the several States, so on the other they will always be carefull to provide that the Justice due to the States does not interfere with the Justice which may be due to individuals

Resolved, That the said committee confer with the said Inhabitants, and that they take every prudent measure to promote an amicable settlement of all differences, and prevent divisions & animosities so prejudicial to the United States.

Resolved, That the further consideration of this subject be postponed until the said Committee shall have made Report

Ordered, That they Report specially and with all convenient speed.

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June 2nd 1779.

Resolved, That the Committee to repair to the inhabitants of the New Hampshire Grants consist of five any three of whom to be empowered to act

The Members chosen Mr Ellsworth Mr Edwards Mr Witherspoon Mr Attlee and Mr Root

Extract from the Minutes

Cha. Thomson Secy.

Edwards } of Massachusetts Bay
Ellsworth }
Root } Connecticut
Witherspoon } New-Jersey
Attlee } Pensylvania

Windsor State of Vermont June 3d 1779

Sir,

The Honorable Ira Allen Esqr. who was appointed to wait on the Honble the Council and General Assembly of N. Hampshire in March last, with a letter from me, and to transact other public business of this State with them — having reported to the General Assembly of this State, that a committee of the Assembly of N. Hampshire appointed at their last session, brought in a report, that they thought it expedient, that N Hampshire should lay in a Jurisdictional claim to the Territory of Vermont, and that the consideration thereof was refered to their Sessions in June instant; and the Assembly of this State, having this day ~~required~~ resumed the consideration of said report, have requested me to acquaint your honor, that after a full & deliberate debate on the subject, they conceive, that such a claim would be attended with very disagreable consequences to both Governments, as it would tend to encourage a dangerous schism, created, by certain disaffected persons to both Governments, which is now crumbling into its primitive nothing — I therefore earnestly request, that the State of N Hampshire do not lay in such ✱ claim, as I presume, that by far the greater part of the inhabitants of this State are strenuously opposed to such a measure. The bearer Ira Allen Esqr. will be able to give your honor any further intelligence in the premises

I am Sir,

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I am Sir, your most Obedient
humble Servant
Thos Whittenden

To hon'ble Meshech Weare Esqr.
President of the Council & Hampshire

State of Vermont } In Council at Windsor June 4th 1779

Agreable to your appointment by the General Assembly of this State you are hereby authorised and empowered an Agent to confer with the Hon:ble the Council and General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire on any Political matter which may concern the Interest, Peace and Tranquility of both States and in special to settle the boundary line of the respective Governments as it is apprehended by this Council that such a settlement would be attended with the important consequences of quieting the schism now subsisting the design and tendency of which is to subvert the authority of both Governments

By order of Council

Tho Chittenden

Hon,ble Ira Allen Esqr.

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In Congress Sept^r 24^th^ 1779

Whereas on the first day of June last, Congress by a certain resolution reciting that whereas divers applications had been made to Congress on the part of the State of New York, and of the State of New Hampshire relative to disturbances and Animosities among inhabitants of a certain district known by the name of "The New Hampshire Grants" praying their interference for quieting thereof, did resolve, That a Committee be appointed to repair to the New Hampshire Grants, and enquire into the reasons why they refused to continue Citizens of the respective States, which heretofore exercised jurisdiction over the said district; for that as Congress are in duty bound on the one hand to preserve inviolate the rights of the several States so on the other they will always be carefull to provide that the justice due to the States does not interfere with the justice, which may be due to individuals. That the said Committee confer with the said inhabitants and that they take every prudent measure to promote an amicable settlement of all differences, and prevent divissions and animosities so prejudicial to the United States"; and did further "resolve that the further consideration of this subject be postponed until the said Committee shall have made report."

And whereas it so happened that a majority of the committee appointed in pursuance of the aforementioned resolution. did not meet in the said district, and therefor have never executed the business committed to

to them or made a regular report thereupon to Congress.

Ordered, That the said Committee be discharged —

And whereas the animosities aforesaid have lately proceeded so far and risen so high as to endanger the internal peace of the United States, which renders it indispensibly necessary for Congress to interpose for the restoration of quiet and good order; And whereas one of the great objects of the Union of the United States of America is the mutual protection and security of their respective rights; And whereas it is of the last importance to the said Union that all causes of jealousy and discontent between the said States should be removed, and therefor that their several boundaries and jurisdictions be ascertained and settled; And whereas disputes at present subsist between the States of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay and New-York on the one part, and the people of a district of Country called New Hempshire Grants on the other which people deny the jurisdiction of each of the said States over the said district, and each of the said States claim the said district against each other, as well as against the said people as appertaining in the whole or in part to them respectively.

Resolved unanimously, That it be and hereby is most earnestly recommended to the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay and New York forthwith to pass laws expressly authorising Congress to hear and determine all differences between them relative to their respective boundaries in the mode prescribed by the

Articles of Confederation, so that Congress may proceed thereon by the first day of February next at farthest; And further that the said States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay & New York do by express laws for the purpose refer to the decision of Congress all differences or disputes relative to jurisdiction which they may respectively have with the people of the ~~district~~ district aforesaid, so that Congress may proceed thereon on the said first day of February next, and also to authorise Congress to proceed to hear and determine all disputes subsisting between the Grantees of the several States aforesaid with one another or with either of said States respecting title to lands lying in the said district, to be heard and determined in the mode prescribed for such cases by the Articles of Confederation aforesaid; and further to provide that no advantage be taken of the non-performance of the conditions of any of the grants of the said lands, but that further reasonable time be allowed for fullfilling such conditions

Resolved unanimously, That Congress will and hereby do pledge their faith to carry into execution & support their decissions and determinations in the premises in favour of whichsoever of the parties the same may be, to the end that permanent concord and harmony may be established between them and all cause of uneasiness be removed.

Resolved unanimously, That Congress will on the said first day of February next proceed without delay

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to hear and examine into the difficulties & differences relative to Jurisdiction aforesaid between the said three States respectively, or such of them as shall pass the Laws before mentioned on the one part, and the people of the district aforesaid, who claim to be a seperate jurisdiction on the other, and after a full and fair hearing will decide and determine the same according to equity; and that neither of said States shall vote on any question relative to the decision thereof. And Congress do hereby pledge their faith to execute and support their decissions and determinations in the premises

And whereas it is essential to the interest of the whole Confederacy, that all intestine dissentions by carefully avoided and domestic peace and good order maintained —

Resolved unanimously, That it is the duty of the people of the district aforesaid who deny the jurisdiction of all the aforenamed States, to abstain in the mean time from exercising any power over any of the Inhabitants of the said ~~Grants~~ district, who profess themselves Citizens of or to owe allegiance to any or either of the said States; but that none of the Towns either or in the East or West side of Connecticut River, be considered as included within the said district, but such as have heretofore actually joined in denying the Jurisdiction of either of the said States, and have assumed a seperate Jurisdiction which they call the State of

Vermont

Vermont. And ~~Hoon~~ further that in the opinion of Congress the said three State ought in the mean time to suspend executing their Laws over any of the Inhabitants of the said district except such of them as shall profess allegiance to and confess the jurisdiction of the same respectively, and further that Congress will consider any violences committed against the tenour, true intent and meaning of this resolution as a breach of the peace of the Confederacy which they are determined to keep & maintain. And to the end that all such violences and breaches of the public peace may be the better avoided in the said district; it is hereby recommended to all the Inhabitants thereof to cultivate harmony and concord among themselves, to forbear suing each other at Law or otherwise, and to give as little occasion as possible to the interposition of Magistrates -

Resolved Unanimously, That in the opinion of Congress no unappropriated lands or estates which are or may be adjudged, forfeited or confiscated lying in the said district, ought until the final decision of Congress in the premises to be granted or sold.

Ordered, That copies of the aforegoing resolutions be sent by express to the States of New York, New Hampshire and Massachusetts Bay, and to the people of the district aforesaid, and that they be respectively desired to lose no time

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in appointing their Agent or Agents, and otherwise preparing for the hearings aforesaid —

The aforesaid resolutions being read over, and a question taken to agree to the whole

Resolved unanimously in the affirmative

Extract from the Minutes

Chs. Thomson Secy.

In Congress Octr. 2. 1779

Whereas in the first resolution of Congress of the 24th Septr. last relative to a district of country called "New Hampshire Grants" is the following clause, viz: And also to authorise Congress to proceed to hear and determine all ~~difficulties~~ disputes subsisting between the grantees of the several States aforesaid with one another or with either of the said States respecting titles to lands lying in the said district to be heard and determined in the mode prescribed for such cases by the Articles of Confederation aforesaid." And whereas no provision is made in the said articles of Confederation for hearing and determining disputes between any State & the grantees of any other State.

Resolved unanimously, That the clause above recited be repealed.

Resolved unanimously, That it be and hereby is recommended to the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay & New York to authorise Congress to proceed to hear and determine all disputes subsisting between the grantees of the several States aforesaid with one another or with either of the said States respecting title to lands lying in the said district to be heard & determined by Commissioners or Judges to be appointed in the mode prescribed by the ninth article of the Confederation aforesaid. Ordered that a copy of the preceding resolves be transmitted to the said States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay and New York and also

to the Inhabitants of the New Hampshire Grants

Extract from the Minutes
Chas. Thomson Secy.

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Philadelphia Octobr ye 19th 1779

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The reasons why I have not done myself the honour of writing to you before are these, soon after my arival here I was taken very ill of a Fever which confined me to my bed a considerable time and since my recovery General Whipple has gone home who from his long residence and experience at Congress will be able to give you a more perfect account of the transactions here than can be expected from me—

Since my recovery I have attended Congress with the closest application and shall endeavour to exert myself if my health continues to the utmost of my abilities while here. You will have received sundry Resolutions relative to Vermont from the President of Congress a Copy of the last of which I herein enclose, the others of the 24th September were passed while I was confined and I cannot say are altogether to my mind, this busineſs in my opinion is of the greatest consequence to New Hampshire and requires her most serious attention for many very weighty reasons among which give me leave to mention the following. That as the thirteen United States have declared themselves Independent, which they will beyond all doubt support, and at the same time have reserved to each State its particular seperate Independence and Sovereignty, and as New Hampshire without Vermont will be very small and weak compared with her neighbouring States

States and it cannot be expected in the nature of things but that some day or other differences will arise between that State and her neighbours in which case she will be under great disadvantages on account of her weakness, it is therefore her indispensable duty in the first setting out to endeavour by all proper means to be as much on a footing with her neighbours as possible, of the truth of this I am more and more convinced every day, it will also give her greater weight in the Grand Councils of America and be an amazing saving of Pay, both which are objects well worthy consideration, The same reasons will apply to Vermont against her being a seperate State and in favour of her being connected with New Hampshire, indeed there does not appear to me the least probability that Vermont will be allowed to be a seperate State and every step that has been or may be taken by New Hampshire to countenance it weakens her claim far beyond what many Gentlemen of New Hampshire have any conception of and will be so construed in deciding the dispute, therefore I wish most heartily that New Hampshire and the Inhabitants of what is called the Grants or Vermont would for the interest of both lay aside every thought of making the latter a seperate State and unite in their endeavours to be one State in which case in my opinion they will succeed, but if Vermont persists

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in endeavouring to be a seperate State and New Hampshire appears to acquiesce they will very likely both be disappointed and in all probability Vermont will be adjudged to New York — I confess I am emyriously concerned for the settlement of this matter and when I declare that I have no private interest in the Tract of Country called Vermont and never expect to have, it will, I flatter myself be admitted that I can have no view seperate from the true interest of New Hampshire when I endeavour to prevent the Grants from being loped off from New Hampshire of which without vigerous exertions —

There appears to be danger. The Delegates of New York, Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire have most of them thought it best to recommend to their several States a particular form of an Act to answer the end of the Resolutions refered to above, in order that there might be a similarity in the acts, the Delegates from the two former States have accordingly sent a form of an Act to their respective States Copy of which I have thought it my duty to inclose herein and the General Court will adopt it or not as they may think proper. If it should be adopted it may be very necessary to add a Clause making it of force provided New York & Massachusetts Bay pass similar acts, otherwise not, as it is at present very uncertain what will be done by those States and I hope I shall be pardoned when I say that I hope that care will be taken in forming every part of

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of the Act that no disadvantage or embarrassment may accrue to the State hereafter in consequence of it.

Yesterday was forwarded to you by express sundry Resolutions of Congress respecting a supply of the Treasury, the letter accompanying them together with the enclosed of the 13th Sept. past sufficiently point out the necessity of the measure without my adding any thing on the subject, it gives me much pain to find that there appears to be a necessity for calling on the States for such large Supplies and confess that I am not without my fears respecting the succes of it, but you must see what will be the consequence if it does not succeed. Your Delegates have been able to procure the proportion of Tax for New Hampshire to be much lower than what it has hitherto been, but it must be remembered that when hereafter the proportions of the Taxes of each State shall be finially fixed agreable to some former Resolutions of Congress if it shall be then appear that New Hampshire or any other State has been deficient it will be then liable to make good such deficiency and on the other hand if any State has been overrated it will have credit for the same.

The peculiar situation of my family and affairs concerns renders it necessary for me to leave this place early in December in order to return home which I hope will not be taken amiss by the Court as they will remember it is agreable to my engagement with them, it will always be the highth of my ambition to render the State every possible service in my power—

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doubtless care

doubtless care will be taken that such Persons
are Chosen to represent the State in Congress
as are fully acquainted with the dispute
relative to Vermont and to instruct them fully
in that busineſs

I am with all due Respect
Your Most Obedient
Hble Servt.
Woodbury Langdon

To Honble
Meshech Weare. Esqr.

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1st That the Legislature of New Hampshire spiritedly support their claim to the Grants west of the River Connecticut and exercise Jurisdiction over them when they shall apply therefor.

2dly That the Inhabitants of the Territory east of Connecticut River, who have heretofore been in Union with Vermont, have secured to them the priveledges that the rest of the subjects of New Hampshire enjoy.

3dly That the Legislature pass an act indemnifying all persons in the Union aforesaid, who have acted under the authority of Vermont, so far as they have conducted consistent withe the common Law, or the Statute Laws of said Vermont.

4ly That the Legislature of New Hampshire ratify and confirm all proceedings of any Courts which have been constituted under the authority of Vermont, that shall be found not repugnant to Common Law or the Statute Laws under which they acted

5ly That all actions or proceses commenced in the Territory aforesaid under the authority of Vermont aforesaid be transfered to Courts under the Jurisdiction of New Hampshire without costs to the parties, in the same situation they were in before the disolution of the Union aforesaid.

6ly That equitable alowances be made by New Hampshire for the expenditures of Men and Money rais'd on said Grants east of the River aforesaid for the defence of the Northern Frontiers as well as the

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general Cause of the United States
9ly That the Towns on said Grants east of the
river aforesaid, refered to in a resolve of Congress of
the 20th of Sept 1779 be excluded from Governmental
Cayes heretofore apessed
9ly That the act of the Legislature of New Hamp-
shire for transporting persons from one County
to another be repealed
10ly That all Towns and Districts on the Grants
east of said River be called upon to elect and send
Representatives to the General Court of New
Hampshire and also Members to attend the Con-
vention to form a plan of Government, and that
the appointment of all Officers in the Counties
of Cheshire and Grafton be suspended until said
Towns are represented in the Assembly
11ly That all Deeds and Conveyances of Land auth-
enticated according to the Laws of Vermont be held
valid until reasonable opportunity be had for their
being recorded in the County Registries agreable to
the Laws of New Hampshire
12ly That the procedures of the several Towns in
said District in their Town Meetings during the
time while they held themselves not subject to the
jurisdiction of New Hampshire be held valid
so far as they have proceeded agreable to the Laws
of Vermont or the Usages of New Hampshire
or as the exigencies of that frontier have rendered
necessary for the security of the people against

the invasions of the Common Enemy, and that all Collectors of Taxes in the several Towns be empowered to compleat the collection of monies due on bills now in their hands, unless where a Land Tax shall have been assessed for defraying other charges than those of the war.

13th That any Towns that have been overrated in apessments for Taxes by the Assembly shall be equitably relieved

14th That those Districts which by the Laws or usages of Vermont have been entitled to Town priveleges shall be continued in the enjoyment of them

15th That a Military force be stationed on the Northen frontiers sufficient to secure the Inhabitants against the Invasions of the Enemy

Sundry Articles to be complied with by the Legislature of New Hampshire. No Date

circa 1779.

(Vermont)

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Exeter July 3d 1779

Gentlemen,

A Resolve of Congress of the first of June 1779 by wich you were appointed a Committee "To repair to the Inhabitants of a certain district known by the name of the New Hampshire Grants, and enquire into the reasons why they refuse to continue Citizens of the respective States which heretofore exercised Jurisdiction over said district." hath been transmitted to the General Court of this State in consequence of which the Sd Court appointa Ebenezer Thompson Esq. to wait on you at the said Grants, in behalf of the State to answer any matters that may be offered by persons heretofore under the Jurisdiction of New Hampshire as reasons for their refusing to continue Citizens ~~of~~ thereof — and any other things that may come under your enquiry in which this State is concerned

The Honble the Committee
appointed by Congress to
meet at Vermont

copy of a Letter to the Committee appointed to meet at Vermont by a Resolve of Congress 3 July 1779 —
notify E Thompson appoint as Commissioner

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